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1. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT PLAN TO ISSUE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF COUNSELOR NIMETZ' VISIT TO ROMANIA. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT ISSUE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR QUESTIONS BE ASKED BY THE PRESS, THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE FOLLOWING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATEMENT, WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY USE: BEGIN QUOTE. DEPART-MENT COUNSELOR MATTHEW NIMETZ WILL VISIT BUCHAREST SEPTEMBER 7-9. THIS VISIT IS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH ROMANIA AND A FOLLOW-UP TO THE APRIL VISIT TO THE U.S. BY PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU. DURING HIS STAY IN BUCHAREST, COUNSELOR NIMETZ WILL MEET WITH ROMANIAN GOVERN-MENT OFFICIALS AND DISCUSS A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES AS

W-LL AS INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE TWO COUNRIES. END QUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION TO ROMANIAN MEDIA INTER VIEW WITH COUNSELOR IF COUNSELOR IS AGREEABLE. HOWEVER, EMBASSY SHOULD NOT INITIATE CONTACT IN SETTING UP SUCH AN INTERVIEW. CHRISTOPHER

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